

SENATE BILL 1573

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 2;
Title 58 and Title 68, relative to the right to work.

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this state that each person has the right to work, and that each job in this state is essential to the wellbeing of this state's citizenry and the economy of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this state that there must not be two classifications of citizens in this state, those deemed essential workers and those deemed nonessential workers; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

50-1-2___. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a state or local governmental entity, the governor, or the executive head of a local government shall not, by executive order, ordinance, or resolution, create categories or classes of essential and nonessential businesses, trades, professions, or industries for the purpose of authorizing such categories or classes to remain in operation or requiring the same to cease operation for any purpose if the business, trade, profession, or industry is otherwise lawful in this state.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.